

## Mailbag 12 February 2019

### Enrichment Clubs News

- **SuperStars on line booking is now open.** Please let us know if you have any issues. As they haven't yet added fields for the child's class and pick up arrangements, please tick 'Does your child require any additional support?' and use the pop up box to record your child's class and who will collect them, or if they have permission to walk home alone.
- **Rainbow Kids Yoga, Tuesday, all years** - The price per session is **£5**, not £7.
- **Spanish Club** is now fully booked but there are still a few spaces left in **French Club** on Fridays.
- **Thursday Morning Futsal Club** - Matt Hill has decided to open this to KS2 children as well as KS1. There are 5 places still available.  
*(Futsal is a variant of association football played on a hard court, mainly indoors. It can be considered a version of five-a-side football. Futsal is played with a smaller, harder, low-bounce ball. The surface, ball, and rules together favour ball control and passing in small spaces. The emphasis is on improvisation, creativity and technique. Futsal is endorsed by the FA.)*

**4MH Maternity Cover** - We are delighted to announce that Dan Barham has been appointed to take over as class teacher when Maya Holthuis leaves to have her baby. Dan is a regular supply teacher here and very popular with the children. Miss Holthuis's class already know him well. We will arrange a date for parents to pop in and meet him in Term 4.

**Chickenpox** - As you know, there have been lots of children going down with chickenpox in Reception. There is now a case in Yr 3 so be on the look-out for symptoms if your child hasn't already had it. There's an information sheet [here](#).

**Wells Road Crossing** - Unfortunately, Paul is still not well. The crossing will not be manned until at least Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We will keep you updated. In the meantime, please take extra care crossing.

**Yr 4 Camp payment** - The next instalment, £35, is due this Friday. Please pay on Gateway.

**The Book Fair** will be in school for five days from 28th February, running up to **World Book Day** on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Look out for more information and our dressing up theme for the day in Friday's Mailbag.

**Children's University** - Lots of Hillcrest children have already signed up to the Children's University and received their Passports. Mary Zoblec from UWE is introducing the Children's University to the children in an assembly today. Mary will also be with us on Open Doors day on Thursday to talk to parents about the programme. You can sign your child up on the day and get their Passport immediately (please bring £5 for registration - Children's University is a charity and the payment just covers costs), or you can register and pay on line here:

[https://uwe.formstack.com/forms/wecu\\_parent\\_carer\\_registration\\_and\\_consent](https://uwe.formstack.com/forms/wecu_parent_carer_registration_and_consent)

Please fill in the whole form and look for the link at the bottom of the form to make the payment.

For those who have already signed up, please remember that all hours need to be submitted on the E-Portal before May half term to count towards the graduation this year. Please send all evidence to [cu@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:cu@uwe.ac.uk). Log in initially using the email address we have on file for you and the password Hillcrest1+ (once in, you will be able to choose your own password).

Children doing enrichment activities at school can get their Passports stamped (to show they have attended) when they come to the hall to meet their club provider at 3.30. For morning activities, children can pop to the office to ask for their stamp later in the day.

There's a Children's University Half Term Challenge to download [here](#). Children can do as much or as little as they like (don't forget to send the evidence to [cu@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:cu@uwe.ac.uk)).

**Friends Meeting** - Following a short break after the Christmas Fair, the next Friends meeting is on Thursday 14th February and will be at 26 Harrowdene Rd, at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Opportunities to get involved and support fund-raising for the school include the Reception and Year 1 Bedtime Story Evening (7th March), Discos for all years, the Parent's Quiz Night, the Summer fair and even the long-awaited Parent's Disco...

**Open Doors this Thursday** - Join us, if you can, between 9.00 and 10.00am on the last day of term. The focus will be on Art and there will also be a presentation about The Children's University. Reception parents are invited to join their children for a Stay & Play session at the same time.

**Yr 2 & 3 Performance** - I have sent links to the video of their brilliant show to Yr 2 & 3 parents in a separate email. Feel free to show the video to family and friends but please do not share it on social media.

**Inset Day - Don't forget that school is closed for children on Friday. Term 4 begins on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

## **Community Notices**

[Home Start letter](#) - Would you like to make a difference? Home-Start Bristol is recruiting local volunteers to support families who are struggling. Volunteers are parents or grandparents themselves, who can understand the challenges families may be facing. They are trained, and matched with a family in their area. Volunteers visit the family once a week for 2-3 hours to offer friendship, a listening ear and practical support.

**Look out for your next Mailbag on Friday.**